



USAID MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS SUPPORT ACTIVITY (PPMG)

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SELF-ASSESSMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITIES (OCA) PROCESS PRESENTED



As part of the Marginalized Populations Support Activity, on February 3, 2016, a work meeting was held with the goal of presenting the process of organizational capacity self-assessment (OCA). The meeting was attended by grantees of the Activity, representing the associations Dajte nam šansu, and the Children’s Educational Center “Svjetlice”.



The goal is to help organizations in self-assessing the critical elements of all aspects of their institutional capacities, and in identifying areas that require additional strengthening. The OCA process will result in creating and implementing a capacity-building plan for areas that the organizations believe need strengthening. The Activity’s Organizational Development Team will provide the aforementioned associations with advisory support throughout the OCA process.

PUBLIC ADVOCACY TRAINING COMPLETED

Three trainings were planned within the Marginalized Populations Support Activity (USAID/PPMG) for organizations dealing with issues of persons with disabilities, on the following topics:

1. Public advocacy
2. Project cycle management – Writing project proposals
3. Strategic planning

The training on Public advocacy was held on February 23-25, 2016, in Konjic, as one of the regular activities of USAID/PPMG, for 24 representatives of organizations concerned with protecting the rights of persons with disabilities.

During the training, the participants learned about public advocacy elements, the process of developing and

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adopting laws, media campaign stages, communication channels and presentation skills, and negotiating and lobbying techniques. They had an opportunity to apply everything they learned about these topics during interactive exercises and simulations.

The session on gender equality in the context of public advocacy included a presentation on two initiatives that were successfully implemented by using different advocacy methods. The first of the presented initiatives concerned the adoption of the Law on Gender Equality in BiH. The presentation detailed the entire process from

launching the initiative to adopting the Law on Gender Equality of BiH, which includes all the obstacles, and all the changes made to the law prior to the adoption.

The trainers emphasized that every campaign faces problems and difficulties, but by using a variety of tools it is possible to create a successful campaign and reach the intended goal.

The training on the topic Public Advocacy was led by Amila Dedić and the session on gender equality in the context of the topic was led by Jadranka Miličević, representation of the Foundation CURE.





CONTRACT SIGNED WITH GRANTEES – ANTI-TIP



As part of the Marginalized Populations Support Activity (USAID/PPMG), Grant Agreements were signed with five organizations from five local communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina whose projects and activities are aimed at preventing human trafficking.

The grantee organizations are: Democratic Youth Association (Velika Kladuša), Association of citizens for promoting Roma education “Otaharin” (Bijeljina), Women’s association “Derventa” (Derventa), Association for addiction prevention Narko-Ne (Sarajevo), Association “Zemlja djece u BiH” (Tuzla).

The project **Youth and the Community – You have the right to know!** by the youth association Democratic Youth Association aims at reducing the occurrence of human trafficking in three communities in the Una-Sana Canton through active prevention measures in direct contact with potential human trafficking victims, and in cooperation with all stakeholders.

The project **The street is not home, it only leads there – protect children’s rights** by the Citizens’ association for promoting Roma education “Otaharin” is aimed at improving the existing mechanisms in the area of children’s rights and the safety of children caught begging in Bijeljina.

The Women’s association “Derventa” will implement a project called **Prevention in the fight against human trafficking**, whose aim will be to educate the target group and users about the problem of human trafficking and mechanisms of protection, which will reduce the possibility of falling victim to human trafficking. USAID/PPMG also supported a project of the

Association for addiction prevention “NARKO-NE” entitled **Give them time instead of money** with the aim of contributing to the improvement of the social, educational and health status of children forced by their parents to beg in the streets of Sarajevo.

The project **United in the fight against child slavery** which will be implemented by the Association Zemlja djece u BiH entails comprehensive support for children - potential victims of human trafficking, enabling them to access their right to social care and education and instruction on prevention so they would not fall victim to slavery.

The grants were awarded through a public call previously issued by the USAID/PPMG, entitled Anti-Trafficking in Persons (anti-TIP).

The total value of the supported projects amounts to 135,834.68 BAM.

CPR MANIKINS AND FIRST AID CABINETS DELIVERED

On February 2, 2016, the project team of the Marginalized Populations Support Activity (USAID/PPMG) delivered CPR dummies and first aid cabinets to the U.S. Embassy to BiH’s Department of Defense.

A total of 40 CPR manikins and 120 first aid kits will be delivered by the U.S. Embassy’s Department of Defense to 12 schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and to local Red Cross organizations. The first delivery by the Department of Defense is planned for February 3, 2016 in Tešanj.



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